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SUMMARY. LEAD ARTICLES IN THREE MAJOR REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT FRIULI DELEGATION S TRIP TO US. HEADLINES STATE THAT SENATORS PELL AND KENNEDY HAVE INTRODUCED BILL FOR ADDITIONAL TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE FOR THE FRIULI AND THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WILL VISIT NORTHERN ITALY IN SUMMER 1977. ARTICLES ALSO NOTE BILL TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE FOR ADDITIONAL 20-25 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE EARTHQUAKE STRICKEN AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. TRIESTE'S IL PICCOLO, UDINE'S MESSAGGERO VENETO, AND VENICE S IL GAZZETTINO (COMBINED CIRC. 220,000) HAVE CARRIED LEAD STORIES REPORTING FRIULI REGIONAL DELEGATION (SEE REFTELS) VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. IN NEW YORK GROUP MET WITH MAYOR BEAME AND DISCUSSED TWINNING OF TOWNS IN FRIULI WITH NYC BOROUGHES.

2. REPORTS STATE THAT WHILE IN WASHINGTON DELEGATION MET WITH SENATORS PELL AND KENNEDY AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES
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ANNUNZIO AND BIAGGI. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN GAZZETTINO SENATOR KENNEDY WILL VISIT FRIULI IN THE EARLY SUMMER TO QTE REPRESENT PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUILT WITH PART OF THE 25 MILLION DOLLARS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE USG FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF UNQTE. ALL ARTICLES REPORT INTRODUCTION OF BILL BY SENATORS PELL AND KENNEDY FOR TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

AND GAZZETTINO NOTES HOUSE BILLS FOR 20 TO 25 MILLION TO BE INTRODUCED BY QTE REPRESENTATIVES BIAGGI AND ANNUNZIO UNQTE.

3. IN DISCUSSING RESULTS OF TRIP WITH US, FACCO-BONETTI SAID HE AND OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS (SCOVACRICCHI AND BIANCHINI) MET WITH SENATORS KENNEDY AND PELL AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES ANNUNZIO, BIAGGI, FASCELL, GIAIMO AND RODINO IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID ALL WERE MOST INTERESTED IN RECONSTRUCTION OF FRIULI AND WERE WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD DOING WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP. FACCO-BONETTI SAID THAT BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS MENTIONED IN PRESS REPORTS WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE GROUP S VISIT.

4. FACCO-BONETTI ALSO TOLD US THAT SENATOR KENNEDY SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR GARDNER REGARDING THE SENATOR S PROPOSED VISIT AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FRIULI IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. MOEN.

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